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### NOTICE OF POLICY STATEMENT

**Document Title:** Preventing and Addressing Discrimination in Student Discipline, Guidelines for implementing Washington's Equal Educational Opportunity Laws: Chapters 28A.640 and 28A.642 RCW and Chapter 392-190 WAC

**Subject:** Nondiscrimination in K–12 public schools

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**Document Description:**

In accordance with RCW 28A.640.020 and 28A.642.020, The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has published guidelines for preventing and addressing discrimination in student discipline. These guidelines supplement chapter 392-190 WAC and guide OSPI's interpretation and enforcement of state nondiscrimination laws in Washington's K–12 public schools. To that end, public schools should consider these guidelines when developing, assessing, and revising discipline policies, procedures, and practices. Public schools should also carefully review these guidelines when investigating and responding to complaints alleging discrimination in student discipline.

**The guidelines are available at:**

<https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/equity-and-civil-rights/civil-rights-guidelines-state-policy>

or, by contacting OSPI Equity and Civil Rights at 360-725-6162, TTY 360-664-3631, or [equity@k12.wa.us](mailto:equity@k12.wa.us).

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